Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty (*Pazhanji*).—In this connection I wish to bring to the notice of the Government one important fact. The Managers and teachers are unnecessarily put to great difficulties in not getting their ordinary grant bills passed by the Inspectors of Schools. So I request the Government to enquire into this matter and to give the necessary instructions to pass such grant bills without any delay at all. I shall cite one example where the Inspectress of Schools unnecessarily delayed passing one grant bill. The objection that she raises for not granting the bill is because she objects to the appointment of one particular teacher. The Manager has not applied for the grant of that teacher. Yet she objects the whole bill. What harm is there for her in passing that bill after deducting that amount? So I wish that such delays should not occur in future.

Demand was put and carried.

15. Rs. 1,500 under '20—Education—8. Miscellaneous—other charges'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*)—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1500 under 20 Education—8 Miscellaneous—other charges. The occasion for this additional allotment has risen because the Government have decided to assist the efforts of the citizens of the State to give a fitting demonstration to the feelings of appreciation of what English education has done to the State for the last hundred years. The first English School in Cochin was opened in 1837 and hundred years have passed. The general public, much more than the Department, is anxious that the occasion should be celebrated in a fitting manner. In making arrangements for the celebration special attention is paid to see that the major portion of the funds is being pooled to serve as the basis for the award of stipends and scholarships to school-children. Only a small proportion of the money will be utilised for the actual celebration itself. As no funds have been provided under this head at the time of framing the budget I request that the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Is it a fact that the celebration has been stopped or postponed by the Central Committee?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Sir, to this hour I am distinctly under the impression that

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nothing has happened because even yesterday I had visited the grounds to prepare the school house and so on.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—I speak subject to correction. I was informed by a friend accordingly.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There is no proposal to this hour to stop the celebration.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Sir, although I am in sympathy with what the Director of Public Instruction said, I would suggest that to perpetuate the memory of the centenary celebration of English Education some five hundred rupees may be spent for starting and improving libraries in the state. It is only fitting and proper that to perpetuate this event library movement should be given all possible encouragement; because this movement is the direct result of the spread of education. That there is a keen desire for the expansion of libraries is seen from the agenda of this session. In the very first resolution, the Hon'ble Member for Oorakam wants a library at Moorkanikara. Then there is resolution No. 22 where the Honourable Member for Palanji wants a library there and resolution No. 63 by myself says that a decent Government aided library is wanted at Chalakkudi and there are so many other places where libraries are required. In my opinion the most fitting memorial of the Centenary celebration is the starting and improving of libraries because it is the immediate and direct result of education. I would, therefore, request that some 500 rupees may be set apart for this purpose.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I am not a Member of the Committee that is celebrating but I can promise the Honourable Member that I will place this matter before the Committee for its consideration. But apart from that I wou'd like to say that ample provision will be made for financing village libraries. Therefore a small pittance of 500 rupees need not be taken from this. Much more is being provided for village libraries.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Only 3000 rupees is being provided in our State. 20,000 rupees is being spent in one District in British India, viz., Coconada.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Will the Honourable Member say what they are spending on education?

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—It is as a result of education that we want libraries and then we can close down the Schools.

Demand was put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1-10 p. m. and reassembled at 2-30 p.m. with the Deputy President (M. R. Ry. A. Sankara Menon Avl., B. A. & B. L.) in the Chair.

16. Rs. 1,812—8—0 under '24—Ayurveda—Contingencies—Miscellaneous'.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1812—8—0 under '24-Ayurveda-Contingencies-Miscellaneous'. The reasons for this additional allotment have been explained in the Note to the Standing Finance Committee. There is no provision in the budget and savings are also not available. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand was put and carried.

17. Rs. 3,450—8—0 under '29-A. Civil Engineering—Communications—Original'.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3450 under 29-A Civil Engineering—Communications Original. The reason for this additional allotment has been sufficiently explained in the notes. The culvert at 2/6 of the Komboding-amakkal road has collapsed and it is necessary to reconstruct it urgently. The cost of the work is Rs. 3450. The expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of framing the budget. Savings are also not available. The additional allotment is therefore required. I, therefore, request that the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—When did the culvert break down?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—During the floods of the rainy season of this year.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—That is before the budget was framed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—That was in Karkitagam after the budget was framed.

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